

SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to let you know that, after 35 years in education and almost 10 very happy years as Head Teacher of SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School, I have decided to retire at the end of this academic year.

It has been a big decision for me, as SS John & Monica's is, and always will be, a very special place to me. My husband retired at the end of the last academic year, and we feel that the time is right for us to begin a new chapter.

When I was training to become a teacher back in 1990, who would have thought that I would complete part of my teacher training at this SS John and Monica's, only to return all those years later as its Head Teacher! I certainly didn't! It has been a real privilege to come back and lead a school that has played such an important part in my own journey in education.

Over the years, I have been incredibly fortunate to work with so many wonderful children, families, staff, governors, parishioners and members of our wider community. I am very proud of everything we have achieved together, but what makes me proudest is the caring, inclusive and loving school community we have created. SS John & Monica's really is a very special school.

I have given the school and our Governing Body plenty of notice so that there is time to find the right person to become our next Head Teacher. This is an important decision, and the recruitment process will take time. We will, of course, keep parents updated as things progress.

There is, however, a whole school year ahead of us and lots still to do! I remain as committed to our school and our children as I have always been, and I know it is going to be another busy and exciting year.

An important part of this final year for me will be making sure that, when the time comes, I hand over SS John & Monica's in the very best possible position. We have all worked incredibly hard for our children and our school, and I want our new Head Teacher to be able to build on everything we have achieved together.

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There will be plenty of time towards the end of the year for goodbyes and looking back over my time here. For now, though, it is very much business as usual and, as always, our children will remain at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you for the support, kindness and trust you have shown me over the years. It has been, and continues to be, an absolute privilege to be the Head Teacher of SS John & Monica's.

We still have a full year ahead of us, and I am looking forward to sharing it with you all.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs M. Elliott', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Mrs M. Elliott

Head Teacher

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